

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Frances Fendrich was born on June 24, 1909, to Benjamin and Elizabeth Fendrich, one of four children, in Salem, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Frances attended St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from Salem High School where she participated in cheerleading, Glee Club, and choir; and,

Whereas, Frances met Harold McPhillips at a dance at St. Mary's Hall during high school and on September 18, 1950, at St. Mary's Church in Salem, they were united in marriage; and,

Whereas, Throughout the years, Frances worked as a cashier at Hipschman's Grocery Store and Salem Farmers Market; and,

Whereas, Frances enjoys watching local basketball games and attends most home games, and, in her younger years, enjoyed dancing, playing cards, and traveling to Europe, Hawaii, New York, and California; and,

Whereas, Frances McPhillips lives independently in her own apartment and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on June 20, 2009, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 24, 2009, as

FRANCES McPHILLIPS DAY


in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

